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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin below.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the heading which begins page 6 with the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS.

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 6, line 22 with the following:

Figure 7 shows a schematic illustration of one embodiment of an overall assay ~~systems~~ system which employs multiple microlaboratory devices labeled as "~~LabChips~~TM" "LabChip[®]" for screening test compounds.

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 6, line 27 with the following:

Figures 9A and 9B ~~shows~~ show fluorescence data from a continuous flow assay screen. Figure 9A shows fluorescence data from a test screen which periodically introduced a known inhibitor